IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY 17-10

OF EAST TORONTO

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The Ontario Committee on Taxation
88 University Ave
Toronto 1, Ont.

Dear Sirs,

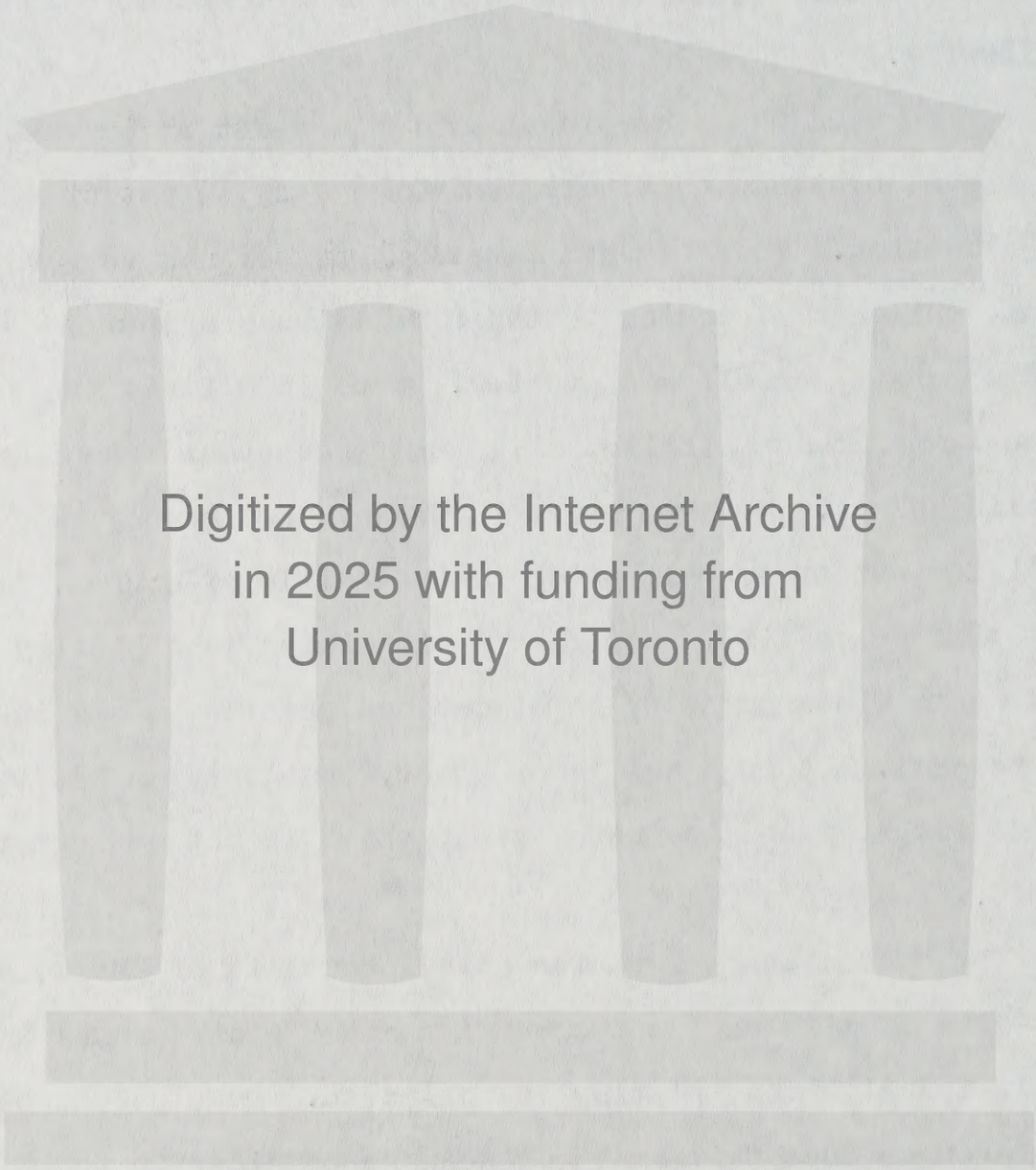
The Board of the Immanuel Christian School Society of East Toronto would like to draw your attention to the following.

When the educational system was set up in Canada, it was recognized, that religion was a very impottant factor in education. To safeguard the right of parents to educate their children according to their religion a system of public and separate schools was started. Here in Ontario the separatee school was Roman Catholic, while the protestant school was the public school. We note however nowadays a tendency to keep religion out of school, which is impossible of course, as religion rules life. For example in biology and history the t teacher's views are very important and govern the way in which he teaches. It is a well known fact, that these subjects are often taught from a point of view, which is not conform the Bible.

Even apart from the actual contents of the lessons the view of life mf the teacher has makes a difference in the way he is teaching and treating the children. Does he see the children as Gods Children? Or does he consider it to be his m main task to produce money making machines? Or does he see his task different again?

The above reasons forced us to start schools, in which our children are taught according to God's will as revealed in the Bible, even though doing so involved great financial sacrifices, as our schools are treated as private mn schools by the law. Consequently we pay not only for our schools, but as well via taxes for the public schools.

As we are sending our children to these "Christian" schools for basically the same reasons, which made formerly the split between public and separate schools feasible, we



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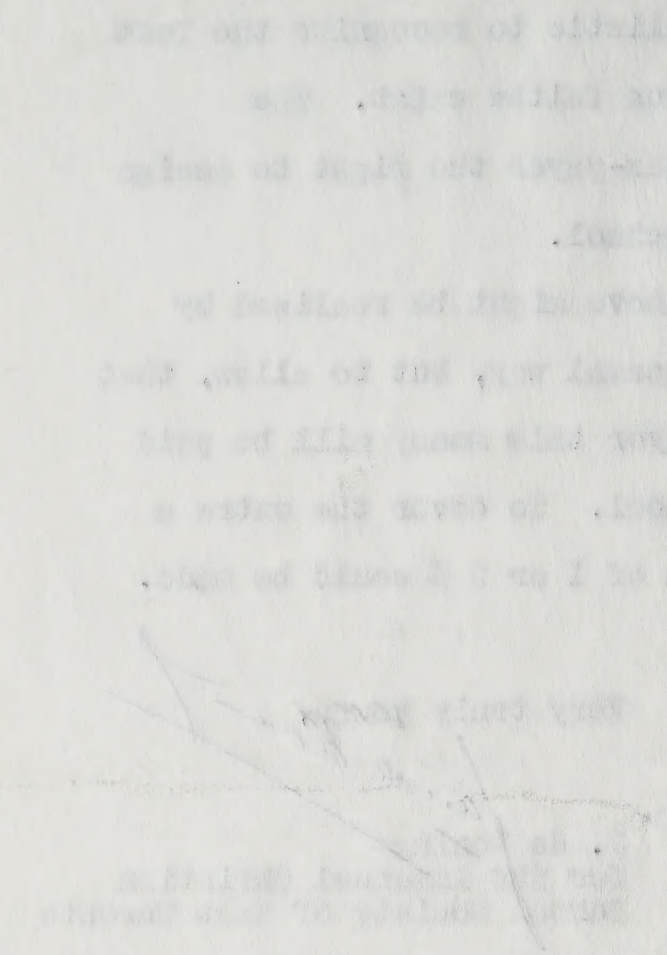
submit that it would be more realistic to recognize the fact that more than two basic religious faiths exist. The consequence would be to give a tax-payer the right to assign his school-taxes to a specific school.

Administratively the above might be realised by collecting school-taxes in the normal way, but to allow, that by special request of the tax-payer this money will be paid to the board of the assigned school. To cover the extra x administrative costs a deduction of 1 or 2 % could be made.

Very truly yours,

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